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In Reply Refer to:

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Dear Sergeant ~~Kallabis~~ *Chapman*:

After review of the State of California, Department of California Highway Patrol report on the "Designation of Routes for the Transportation of Highway Route Controlled Quality Shipments of Radioactive Material", the Nevada Department of Transportation offers the following response.

The report states that "Nevada has not adopted their own preferred route system, therefore, by default the Interstate highway system is the preferred route system." Legally this is true. However, as you know, representatives from the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) had met several times with representatives from the California Highway Patrol regarding a similar study and route designation process being conducted by the State of Nevada.

Because I-15 goes through the heart of Las Vegas, Nevada is interested in selecting a preferred route to transport Highway Route Control Quality shipments of Radioactive Materials and High Level Radioactive Waste bypassing Las Vegas. Nevada discussed a number of routes in "The Statewide Radioactive Materials Transportation Plan, Phase II" report. Chapter Four, Route Analysis; Section 4.6 and 4.6.1 discusses routing that jointly impacts both California and Nevada. In addition, the Nevada Department of Transportation identified several routes for further study. Several of these routes connect with California SR-127, the Nipton Road and US-95 between I-40 and the California-Nevada Stateline.

The Nevada Department of Transportation will continue its study and absent California's action on the above routes NDOT will recommend to the State Transportation Board the designation of Nevada SR-160 as the preferred route and to undesignate I-15 between the Utah-Nevada Stateline and Las Vegas as a preferred route. Representatives of the Nevada Department of Transportation have met with representatives from the State of Utah regarding this action and they agree with the Nevada Department of Transportation. This action will conflict with your Route 4 which designates I-15 within Nevada as a preferred route.

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The designation of Nevada SR-160 and I-15 between Las Vegas and the Nevada-California Stateline would route all shipments of Route Control Quality shipments of Radioactive Materials between the Nevada Test Site (NTS) on I-15 southbound and I-40 eastbound.

I hope we can continue to work cooperatively on the designation of routes so that both states will benefit. Please contact Keith Maki at (702) 687-3691 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,


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Director

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